



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
801 Burlington
Downers Grove, IL 60515
630-434-5500

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Martin Tully called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Tully led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Bob Barnett, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Becky Rheintgen, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt, Commissioner Greg Hosé, Commissioner David S. Olsen and Mayor Martin Tully

Non Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

Commissioner Durkin arrived at 7:02 p.m.

The Council meeting is broadcast over the local FM radio station, WDGC. In addition, a tape recording and videotape of the meeting are being made using Village owned equipment. The videotape of the meeting will be used for later rebroadcast of the Council meeting over the Village cable television Channel 6.

The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions of a general matter. If a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.

The presiding officer will ask, at the appropriate time, if there are any comments from the public. If anyone wishes to speak, the individual should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name and address. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and asked that individuals refrain from making repetitive statements.

Mayor Tully said there are agendas located on either side of the Council Chambers, and he invited the audience to pick up an agenda and follow the progress of the Council meeting.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

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Mayor Tully asked for a Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Commissioner Neustadt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion.

The Mayor declared the Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Public Comments - General Comments on Matters Not Appearing on Tonight's Agenda**

Jordan Macarus, 300 Burlington Avenue, said he started a non-profit organization to help people save money while promoting sustainable community food projects. He presented a number of slides that included a town in Switzerland where everyone cooperates and farms the land; home farms; and Seattle, Washington, where edible plants are grown in the public parks. Mr. Macarus said he will be taking a course based on the book, "The Good Food Revolution" by Will Allen. There are two and three-day workshops focused on aquaponic and urban aquaculture training. He quoted from the book regarding urban agriculture and good soil. More information is available at growingpower.org. People can also find more information at planetjordan.com.

Mayor Tully thanked Mr. Macarus for sharing this information and said it is inspiring.

5. **Council Member Reports**

Commissioner Rheintgen said the Community Events Commission may still accept applications to participate in the July 4 parade. She encouraged people to participate.

The Mayor noted that community governing boards have been invited to participate in the parade.

Commissioner Olsen said the 37th Annual Downers Grove 5 miler race will be held on Sunday, June 22, at 7:30 a.m. beginning at the Lincoln Center. The fee is \$35.00 and people can register on race day. It should be a great run and he encouraged everyone to participate.

Commissioner Neustadt said he and Commissioner Olsen attended the ribbon cutting for Mayslake Ministries at 718 Ogden Avenue. He spoke of their services and said they are open to everyone.

Mayor Tully said there is one day before Downers Grove Rotary GroveFest 2014, which starts Thursday. Members of Council and staff will be participating.

The Mayor said there will be a Coffee With The Council on Saturday, June 21, at 9:00 a.m. at Pocket Park by the Downers Grove Cemetery on Main Street.

6. **Public Hearings**

7. **Consent Agenda**

COR 00-05616 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 6057, Payroll, May 30, 2014
Sponsors: Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-05617 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 6126, June 17, 2014
Sponsors: Accounting
A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

MOT 00-05491 C. Motion: Authorize an Agreement with Moneris Solutions for Merchant Services for Credit Card Payments for Daily Fee Parking

Sponsors: Finance

A motion was made to Authorize this file on the Consent Agenda.

RES 00-05619 D. Resolution: Extend an Agreement with Advocate Occupational Health

Sponsors: Fire Department

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION EXTENDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND ADVOCATE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

RESOLUTION 2014-33

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Fire Department

RES 00-05615 E. Resolution: Authorize a Housing and Community Development Joint Recipient Cooperation Agreement with DuPage County

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOINT RECIPIENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUPAGE COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE (FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS ENDING IN 2015, 2016, 2017 & CONDITIONAL AUTOMATIC RENEWAL THEREAFTER)

RESOLUTION 2014-34

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: DuPage County Community Development Block Grant

RES 00-05621 F. Resolution: Authorize a License Agreement with Vinakom Communications, LLC for Use of the Village Rights-of-Way

Sponsors: Village Attorney

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN VINAKOM COMMUNICATIONS, LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE FOR USE OF THE VILLAGE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

RESOLUTION 2014-35

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Telecommunications Cable System

MOT 00-05618 G. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Plan Commission - April 7, 2014

A motion was made to Note Receipt Of this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Boards and Commissions Minutes

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Olsen and Mayor Tully

8. Active Agenda

ORD 00-05608 A. Ordinance: Classify Certain Fire Investigators as Peace Officers

Sponsors: Fire Department

Summary of Item: This classifies certain fire investigators as peace officers.

AN ORDINANCE CLASSIFYING CERTAIN FIRE INVESTIGATORS AS PEACE OFFICERS BY THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 5393

Mr. Marcarus asked for information regarding this item.

Fire Chief Jim Jackson said this relates to fire investigators with respect to investigating arsons. This ordinance will give the certain fire investigators the same powers as police officers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Olsen and Mayor Tully

Indexes: Fire Department - Peace Officers

ORD 00-05614 B. Ordinance: Authorize the Transfer of Funds Held by the Village and Unclaimed for More than Four Years as of December 31, 2008

Sponsors: Finance

Summary of Item: This authorizes the transfer of funds held by the Village.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS HELD BY THE VILLAGE AND UNCLAIMED FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

ORDINANCE NO. 5394

A motion was made by Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt, Commissioner Hosé, Commissioner Olsen and Mayor Tully

Indexes: Unclaimed Funds

9. First Reading

The Mayor said that discussion on Item 9B will take place in the Committee Room after adjournment of the regular Council meeting.

ORD 00-05620 A. Ordinance: Provide for the Issuance of One or More Series of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Village of Downers Grove

Sponsors: Manager's Office

Village Manager Dave Fieldman asked Judy Buttny, Finance Director, to address this item.

Judy Buttny, Finance Director, said staff has prepared an ordinance, known as the bond parameters ordinance, authorizing bond refundings pursuant to specific parameters. Staff has been made aware of an opportunity for an advance refunding of existing debt, Fire Station 2 bond, for a net present value savings of approximately \$200,000. The bond refunding parameters ordinance would allow the Village to proceed with the refunding using a negotiated sale. This is the same process that has been used with previous bond refundings. Ms. Buttny said the bond closing is expected at the end of August.

Mayor Tully said this needs to be done again as current parameters ordinance has expired.

Indexes: General Obligation Bond - Refund

INF 00-05592 B. Discussion: Long Range Planning (Committee Room)

Sponsors: Manager's Office

The Mayor said this discussion will take place in the Committee Room following the conclusion of the Council meeting.

Indexes: Long Range Planning

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Tully said the Downers Grove and Woodridge Relay for Life will begin in ten days, on June 27 at Downers Grove North High. There is a cross-town friendly competition between Downers Grove and Woodridge. He invited people to join the Village of Downers Grove community team at relayforlife.org.

Materials to be Placed on File

11. Manager's Report

Deputy Village Manager Mike Baker said that Coffee With The Council is being moved to Pocket Park to coincide with moving the Downtown Market during Rotary GroveFest. He then asked Allison Deitch to provide an update on electrical aggregation.

Allison Deitch, Performance Manager, summarized the Village's decision to end its electrical aggregation program. Ms. Deitch said the Village's electrical aggregation contract with FirstEnergy Solutions, which locked in low electricity supply rates for residents and small businesses, will end in August 2014.

At the time the Village went out for bid, ComEd was locked into long-term contracts for electricity supply that led to higher prices. Since then, ComEd's prices have come in line with what is available from independent suppliers. During the two-year program, participants in the program saved 42% over the ComEd rate.

The Village has reviewed options for renewing the contract with FirstEnergy and with other independent energy suppliers. The rates available from energy suppliers for aggregation are nearly identical to ComEd's rates. There will be no benefit to residents or business by continuing the aggregation program.

All participants in the aggregation program will return to ComEd's supply rates. ComEd's rate for October 2014-May 2015 will be 7.42 cents per kilowatt hour, plus an additional adjustment capped at .5 cents per kilowatt that will vary each month. This rate is determined by the Illinois Power Agency, a State of Illinois agency that purchases power supply for ComEd. Ms. Deitch said customers will have two billing cycles to sign up with other independent, authorized energy suppliers or will be locked into ComEd's rates for 18 months. The Illinois Commerce

Commission provides information about power suppliers, including published rates, on its website pluginillinois.org. We have this linked from our website.

Mayor Tully said aggregation was to provide options for the community. Should circumstances shift again, we already have the procedural infrastructure in place.

Ms. Deitch said we would not be able to change suppliers for 18 months.

The Mayor said it is important to have all the options and flexibility we can.

Commissioner Rheintgen said people participating in the electrical aggregation will not have to take action in order to switch back to ComEd. Ms. Deitch said that was correct.

Commissioner Rheintgen asked if staff is doing a mailing to residents regarding this information.

Ms. Deitch said information will be in the Hometown Times newsletter as well as by our regular means of communication.

12. Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting one item to the Council: An ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, in one or more series of bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Future Active Agenda

13. Council Member New Business

14. Adjournment

Mayor Tully asked for a Motion to adjourn to the Committee Room for the Long-Range Plan meeting.

Commissioner Neustadt moved to adjourn. Commissioner Durkin seconded the Motion.

VOTE: YEA: Commissioners Neustadt, Durkin, José, Olsen, Rheintgen, Barnett; Mayor Tully

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned into the Committee Room at 7:31 p.m.